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SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

KCKC Holiday Party

Bring food, drink, or desert item.....

The 2009 KCKC Holiday Party is set for January 17th 2009 from 12pm to 4pm- **Doors open at 11am.**
Location: Metropolitan Community College *Longview
---Learning Resources Room

2009 Holiday Party

- . **Business Meeting**
- . **2008 Review**
- . **2009 Planning**
- . **Chuck Blackwell Award 2009**
- . **KCKC Auction—Please bring a donation**

NEW OFFICERS

New Officers and Board Members will be elected during the business meeting.

Board Members will help guide the club between our yearly meetings through email communications and phone calls.

Officers will carry out Board Members' decisions.

The 2009 KCKC Holiday Party is February 17th from 12pm to 4pm
Doors open at 11am.

Location: **Learning Resources Building** (near the flagpoles) at the Metropolitan Community College 500 SE Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 66203

Directions: From I-470 take the View High Drive exit south to the campus- See maps below for more information. 500 SE Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Directions:

Take the View High Drive Exit off of I-470. Turn south and follow to campus. The Party will be in the **Learning Resources Building** near the flagpoles. **See maps below.**

Everyone is encouraged to bring a food, drink, or desert item. It's a pot luck of sorts.....Of course the event will host the yearly auction that can be a great event if everyone brings an auction item.

Make sure you bring items to donate or money to bid for kites or related items! All of the proceeds go back to the KCKC. We also will have a few special guests at this year's event from the MCC

Longview Staff that have had the KCKC for the last two years fly at the **Flights of Fancy Kite Festival.**

If you have never been to a KCKC Holiday Party they are lots of fun and offer a great chance to meet new friends and catch up with many other kite flyers from around the area that you have not seen in a while. Plus the KCKC auction is not only a key fundraiser but is also a great way to pick up a kite for a great deal. Finally the yearly business meeting is conducted and some very important awards are given out to those flyers that help make the KCKC a better community organization.

Chuck Blackwell Award 2009

The Kansas City Kite Club will accept nominations for **the 4th Chuck Blackwell Award, a tradition that began in November 2006.** The Chuck Blackwell Award will be presented to a Kansas City Area Kiter who best demonstrates the outstanding traits that Chuck Blackwell (1958-2005) exemplified. Chuck was usually one of the first kites one would meet on the field, always with a positive comment, or an offer of help. He would often go out of his way to help others enjoy, or understand kiting more. He loved kiting, and always strived to share that passion.

Chuck Blackwell Award

2006 Bob Rule
2007 Sean Beaver
2008 Don Larkie
2009 Your Nominee

Nominations can be sent in advance of the holiday party via email to the webmaster or can be read at the event. All we ask is that you read your nomination at the event in front of the group. It is what Chuck would have wanted. Nominees will be announced at the Holiday Party. All KCKC Members in good standing will be allowed to cast ballots for one nominee. In case of a tie, the highest-ranking Executive Member present will cast the tiebreaking vote.

AKA NEWS

The 2009 National Convention will be held in Rochester, MN **October 5th - 10th** The price of registration varies from year to year but is generally under \$200. All costs of presenting an annual convention are paid from registration fees and are not subsidized by membership dues. Costs may include receptions and banquets, room rentals, registration supplies, management and equipment such as stages and sound systems. Lower fees are available to early registrants and late fees are charged after scheduled deadlines. All deadlines are published with registration forms in AKA's newsletter, Kiting. For more information about the Annual Convention contact our convention manager at convention@aka.kite.org

My name is Angie Chau & I'm one of the new AKA Directors-at-Large. I've agreed to coordinate next year's kite making project for the convention auction. I'm in the process of collecting names of interested kite makers & was wondering if you know of any club members who would like to make & donate an item for the auction. My goal is to have a workable number of kite makers before the end of the year. This will help me to distribute the fabric in January, or sooner, giving the kite makers as much time as possible to be creative.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please feel free to forward this message. For people responding, please use "**Rochester kites**" in the subject line & mail to the address of (aka.indy@yahoo.com) so my filters will send the message to the inbox.

Thanks for your time & I hope to hear from some of you soon!

Angie Chau

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Kite Studio is pleased to announce a new kitebuilder.com online workshop! Bill Wilson from Nova Scotia, Canada will be presenting to the world his version of the Fled Kite.

This is the seventh online project that will be presented online. Weekly instructions will be posted, along with photos. Those registered for the class will be able to ask questions, post photos, and get detailed help in building this kite.

"The Fled is a cross between the light-wind Flare and the traditional Sled. It's a stable, strong, light-wind kite that flies at a line angle of 65 - 70 degrees, just about perfect for KAP or line laundry.

Despite its size, the Fled develops impressive lift; it will easily lift a camera rig of one pound in 6-8 mph wind, making it ideal for our BEAK series or an R/C or AuRiCo-controlled rig with a light point-&-shoot camera.

The Fled is very forgiving. It will fly with or without the included drogue tail, and with or without bowing the spreader spar, but is more stable for KAP with both."

Bill Wilson



Originally developed by Michael Andersen and Brooks Leffler, Wilson scaled up his design

to more easily handle the 32.5 inch spars that he uses. The intent of this kite was for Kite Aerial Photography (KAP) as it provides a nice, stable, platform for taking photos.

Brooks Leffler sells the Fled and further describes the kite on his website:

<http://www.brooxes.com/newsite/BBKK/kitesales.html>

The three week class will begin January 30, 2009. The class is free but you must be a forum member (free to join) and register by January 28 (also free.) Go here for more information:

<http://www.kitebuilder.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=38>

KCKC UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND

Clear Lake, IA USA Larry Day E-mail: kiteman@netins.net Phone: 641-357-5516

Frozen Ice Kite Fly in downtown Clear Lake, IA. Superbly organized.

A caravan of Kansas City Kiteers will be traveling to Clear Lake for 2009. Please contact Sean Beaver for details.

March 13-15, 2009 MAKR

Lorado Taft Field Campus/NIU Oregon, Illinois <http://www.makr.info/>

If you have ever wondered about kite making, this is the event you must attend!

MAKR (MAK'R) N. AN ACRONYM FOR MIDWEST AREA KITEMAKERS RETREAT.

A gathering of famous and infamous kite enthusiasts, who meet in the woods the second weekend of March to immerse themselves in the ultimate kite experience in preparation for the first warm winds of spring. MAKR is all about friends, food, fun, and kite making. A great way to start the season, see people you met last year, and meet some new flyers. No phones, no meals to cook, just time to indulge your mania and improve your skills. Registration costs should be \$135 for food and lodging—a great bargain. That is 2 nights lodging and 6 meals.

Not a kite maker? Half of MAKR classes are no-sew classes, just cut and glue. At meals conversations range from best ways to put on festivals, best flying kites, best line to fly on, everything and anything kite, or not kite related. Meal-time conversations are worth the ticket price alone.

SEW Brian Blaeske, Wauwatosa WI, 10 foot Genki

SEW Barbara Meyer, Maple Grove MN, Arch Top Kite

SEW Walt Mitchell, Lubbock TX, large bol

SEW Rob Pratt, Olympia WA, 6 foot Baden Powell kite

SEW Cliff Quinn, Coopersburg PA, modern Marconi (this class has closed enrollment at Fort Worden.)

SEW Chris Taylor, Vandalia OH, Platz glider

NO SEW Deb Von Bokern, Covington KY, Octopus kite from colored plastic

NO SEW Dave Ellis, Overland Park KS, mini Cody

NO SEW Charm Lindner, High Ridge MO, mini Japanese style train

NO SEW Tom McCune, Buffalo Grove IL, No-Sew 40 inch Rokkaku. Make 1 to fly or 2 for your own battle fun.

NO SEW Twyla Meyer, Maple Grove MN, kite themed note cards

Mark your calendars, start saving your money. Registration will be only \$135 for the weekend, and is open now. For more information or to print registration forms go to <http://www.makr.info/>

April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy

Saturday, April 18 (3rd Saturday in April, as in previous years).

April 25-26, 2009 Chalk Walk

KCKC member Shane Rowse will be helping organize this event in 2009, and there is a limited space for flying. Please stay tuned for more information on: http://chalkwalk.org/Chalk_Walk/Home.html

What is Chalk Walk?

Chalk Walk is a **FREE** and public sidewalk chalk drawing festival in April at the *Concourse Park* in the heart of the Historic Northeast Neighborhoods that celebrates the wealth of culture and diversity in the Kansas City Urban Core. Proceeds raised by Chalk Walk benefits Mosaic Brain, a youth arts outreach organization that provides after school and out of school arts and culture programs to people living in the Historic Northeast Neighborhoods through its partnership with the Historic Northeast Cultural Arts Commission

May 8-10 2009 Kites Over Grinnell 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park

<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/>

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Plans are already underway for expanding this popular Fly. The night fly will be moved to Friday Night, with outdoor flying Saturday and Sunday. Two days should guarantee a nice wind day. Saturday evening will be the indoor competition. Be sure to make plans for this great festival, and earn points for National Convention 2009 which will be held in Rochester, MN

May 16th, 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival

KC Kite Club will once again provide an array of ground display for the 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival. This special one day Festival from 10am to 5pm brings about 10,000 - 13,000 people into Antioch Park in Merriam. <http://www.merriam.org/park/Events/turkey-creek-festival.htm> The City of Merriam will hold its Annual Turkey Creek Festival, Parade & 5K Fun Run on Saturday, May 19, 2007. All activities (except 5K Run) take place at the beautiful, newly renovated Antioch Park. The day is filled with events for everyone to enjoy.

2009 Schedule	
January 8 - 11, 2009 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat	
January 17, 2009 KCKC Holiday Party	
February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND	Clear Lake, IA
March 13-15, 2009 MAKR	
April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy	
April 25-26 Chalk Walk	
May 8-10 2009 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell	
May 16 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek	
May 29-31 Smithville Kite Kamp Out	
June 5-7 2009 Twisted Lines	
June 13-14 2009 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest	Jamestown, ND
July 3-4 Riverfest	
September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight	
October 5-10 2009 AKA National Convention	Rochester, MN
October 11 2009 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008	
One Sky One World	
October 17, 2009 Family Fall Festival	Pumpkin Fest

If you would like to help organize any of the below events, or help with a Fall Picnic, Indoor Fly or Workshop, please let us know. Without your help some fun events will not be held.

As a reminder any member can submit an article, photo, or idea for this monthly communication tool the KCKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

Sean Beaver President Kansas City Kite Club

Sean is available by email at seanbeaver@hotmail.com or you may call him at 913-238-9333 for comments or questions. We would love your suggestions about ways to improve the KCKC.

Color The Wind 2008, Clear Lake, IA

February 21, 2009



A caravan of Kansas City Kiteers will be going to Clear Lake in February to kite ski. Contact Sean if you are interested in being part of this group. Sean is available by email at seanbeaver@hotmail.com or you may call him at 913-238-9333

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

www.kckiteclub.org